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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended): [A] The combination of a corrugated hose and a holder for the hose wherein the holder comprises two spaced apart support members, each member [mounted on a support and] including at least one rib [located outwardly from the support and] facing the rib on the other member, a corrugated hose with valleys, the hose having an elastically bowed portion and side sections located to either side of the bowed portion, the side sections positioned between the ribs, said side sections being biased against the ribs [away from each other] by the bowed portion [so that] with each rib seated in a [one] valley on [each] a side section so that the ribs hold the hose in place on the support [engages one rib on each member to support the hose].

2. (currently amended): The [holder] combination of claim 1 wherein each rib includes a lip.

3. (currently amended): The [holder] combination of claim 2 wherein said members are mounted on a wall and each lip is spaced from the [support] wall.

4. (currently amended): The [holder] combination of claim 3 wherein at least one rib on each member includes a second lip,

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each second lip being located proximate the ~~support~~ wall.

5. (currently amended): The [holder] combination of claim 1 wherein the ribs are generally horizontal and the hose extends generally vertically.

6. (currently amended): The [holder] combination of claim 1 wherein the ribs are generally vertical and the hose extends generally horizontally.

7. (currently amended): The [holder] combination of claim 1 [wherein the support comprises a] including a wall and the support members are mounted on the wall or on one or more studs extending from the wall.

8. (currently amended): The [holder] combination of claim 1 wherein the members are secured to parts of a vacuum cleaner body.

9. (currently amended): The [tool] combination of claim 1 wherein the members each comprise a one-piece integral molded plastic body.

10 - 15. (canceled)

16. (new): The combination of a corrugated hose and a holder for the hose wherein the holder comprises two spaced apart support members, each member mounted on a support and including at least one rib located outwardly from the support and facing the rib on the other member, each rib including a lip, a corrugated hose with valleys, the hose having an elastically

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bowed portion and side sections located to either side of the bowed portion, the side sections positioned between the ribs, said side sections being biased away from each other by the bowed portion so that one valley on each side section engages one rib on each member to support the hose.

17. (new): The combination of claim 16 wherein each lip is spaced from the support.

18. (new): The combination of claim 17 wherein at least one rib on each member includes a second lip, each second lip being located proximate the support.

19. (new): The combination of claim 16 wherein the ribs are generally horizontal and the hose extends generally vertically.

20. (new): The combination of claim 16 wherein the ribs are generally vertical and the hose extends generally horizontally.

21. (new): The combination of claim 16 wherein the support comprises a wall and the support members are mounted on the wall or on one or more studs extending from the wall.

22. (new): The combination of claim 16 wherein the members are secured to parts of a vacuum cleaner body.

23. (new): The combination of claim 16 wherein the members each comprise a one-piece integral molded plastic body.